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FILM SERIES AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

For the second year in a row, The Cleveland Museum of Art is offering a free series of rare films produced by independent Black filmmakers featuring all-Black casts in roles other than the stereotypes of the period (1924-1977). The five feature-length films and one short were selected by John Moore, assistant curator in the Museum's art history and education department, as the Museum's contribution to the 1982 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

The series, <u>Black American Cinema II</u>, <u>1924-1977</u>, begins on Saturday,

January 16, 1982, at 2 pm in the Museum's Gartner Auditorium and runs for five

consecutive Saturday afternoons. All films in the series are in black and

white and are shown free in the auditorium at 2 pm. (See attached brochure for

detailed listings). Children under ten should be accompanied by an adult. Please

note: Parental guidance is suggested for the first film in the series: Body and Soul.

Additional information on the series can be obtained from John Moore at 421-7340, ext. 403.

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